

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 10 stand allowed.

Claims 3, 6 and 9 have been canceled.

**Entry of the Amendment**

The above amendment places the application in condition for allowance by canceling rejected claims 3 and 6, as well as claim 9. Accordingly, the remaining claims, claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 10 stand allowed. A minor editorial change to claim 10 has been made.

**Reply to Rejections**

Claims 3, 6 and 9 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 3 and 6 is moot.

**Additional Prior Art**

It is noted that the Examiner cited new prior art, US 5,036,339. No comments were made in the Office Action regarding this document.

The additional prior art has not been applied. Accordingly, no comments are considered necessary.

**Conclusion**

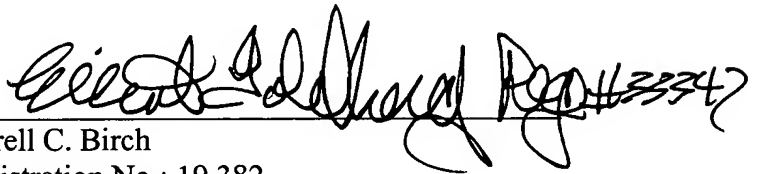
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Elliot A. Goldberg (Reg. No.

33,347) at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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